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Wisahkecahk strikes again

Once Wisahkecahk came to a place where only women and children lived. All the men had gone on a raid and the women were left alone. When Wisahkecahk saw this, he decided to play a trick on them. He disguised himself so the women would not recognize him and then he came back into the village and started yelling for their attention. Wisahkecahk spoke thus: "My sisters, a Wihtikow is not far behind. To this village he is heading. He knows that there are no men, this Wihtikow". The women started to cry. "What can we do" they said, "surely this Wihtikow will eat us all!"

Wisahkecahk then said: "You can beat this Wihtikow if you do as I say. Only you must really do it, or he will eat you." "Yes, Big Brother, we will do as you say." "This Wihtikow will make a lot of noise when he comes. You will hear him come I say. When he comes, you must hide all your children inside your wigwams and you must block the entry" said this Wisahkecahk. He really wanted to deceive these women. "You must stand in the doorway facing inside, in this manner I tell you". And Wisahkecahk got on his hands and knees as if he was entering a wigwam. His head and hands were inside the wigwam but his legs were outside. "The Wihtikow will try to attract your attention. Whatever he does, you must not move or utter a sound or he will kill you. If you do as I say, he will pass on and leave you alone." Having said this, Wisahkecahk left. Later that evening, he disguised himself as a Wihtikow and slowly walked towards the women, howling as he went. When the women heard this, they hid their children and blocked the entry of their

wigwams. Soon, Wisahkecahk was in the village, making as much noise as he could. He went from one woman to the other and had sex with every one of them. Only then did he leave. Finally, the women understood that the Wihtikow was gone. They all gathered and one woman said: "Truly, this Wihtikow left us alone and did not eat any of us!" Another woman answered: "Wahwa! I wish he would come again!"



Graduation dinner update

The graduation dinner and dance will be held on May 16, 1998 at Auberge Saint-Gabriel. It is shaping up to be the event of the season! Stay tuned for more information in the next issue of

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Peer Helpers

Peer Helpers application forms are now out for those of you who would like to donate some time and help your fellow students in the coming academic year. Peers Helpers is a student staffed listening and referral service at Concordia. A Peer Helper is someone who learns listening and problem-solving skills, stress and time management, awareness of gender, racial and cross-cultural issues, group dynamics and other skills. Please call the Centre for more information or drop by and pick up an application form. Deadline for application is March 27, 1998.

Hi Ho the Merry-o a-filing we will go

Filing an income tax return: yes it's a chore but it doesn't have to hit you where it hurts most: the wallet! The Centre for Native Education

offers free and confidential services to all Native students who need help with income tax forms. You don't need an appointment, just drop in at the Centre with all your receipts and a little patience.

Survey

The April issue of Arrowhead News will include a survey on your level of satisfaction with the Centre for Native Education. It's your chance to officially tell us how much you like us (or not) and to offer your insight on how we can improve our services. Filling out the survey will also make you eligible for a draw!

Potluck

A potluck lunch will be held on April, Friday 17! Since it's sugaring season and most of us can't afford to go to a real *cabane à sucre* (or don't have the means to get there), the potluck will have a sugar house theme. Stay tuned for more info!

Wallowing in the myre

The Centre for Native Education offers many services to Concordia's Native students but one which we do not offer, and never will, is maid service! We welcome all students to use our kitchen facilities but *please clean up after yourselves!!!* We can't stand the mess anymore!

Scholarships

The University Women's Club of Montreal Public Foundation offers two bursaries of at least \$500 each, to mature women who are enrolled in full-time undergraduate studies at Concordia. **At least one recipient will be a Native woman!**

The bursary is awarded to a mature female student who has preferably completed two years in an undergraduate programme. Both financial need and academic standing are considered.

For more information please call Manon at the Centre at 848-7326

Upcoming events

Aboriginal Women of Montreal is hosting a series of healing circles and Native meditation and talking circles.

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Healing Circles (with Sarah Sabourin) will be held on April 2 and May 7 at 7:30 pm.

Native Meditation and Talking Circles (with Doris Orr) will be held on March 31, April 7 and 12, and May 5 and 19 at 7:30 pm.

Bring tobacco and a cushion!

For more information, call Jean Stevenson at 875-8955

The Canadian Museum of Civilization presents **Makoché Tour** on March 26 at 8:00 pm. The Makoché Tour unites outstanding First Nations recording artists in an evening of music, dance, stories and traditions of the Plains.

Tickets are \$23 for adults; \$18 for seniors and Members of the Museum; \$14 for full-time students; and \$12 for children 12 years and under.

For more information, call the Museum, contact the Museum at (819) 776-7181

To reserve, call TicketMaster at (613) 755-1111

A sneak preview

Festival Canada presents **American Indian Dance Theatre** on July 9 to 11 at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa.

The American Indian Dance Theatre is an ensemble of dancers from Native communities across Canada and the U. S.. They perform traditional ceremonial, seasonal and spiritual dances in a theatrical setting.

Tickets are \$30 (\$15 for students with a valid ID) and on sale now. Students must buy their tickets in person. Group rates are also available. Publicity for this event has not started yet, so there are very good seats available!

To reserve, call TicketMaster at (613) 755-1111

From group rates and reservations, call (613) 947-7000, ext. 280.

